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## LOCAL NEWS.

REV. MR. BENSON'S MEMORIAL SERMON. The following is the concluding portion of Rev. Mr. Benson's Memorial Sermon, preached last Sunday in the Methodist Protestant Church, of this place:

Taking up again the thread which we dronped at the conclusion of the remarks of this morning, we invite you to recall the memory of the ministers of the former days-your beloved pastors, who, having ministered to you in spirimal things, have since finished their work, and ascended to their blessed reward.

Passing from the origin and early history of the church, the very uext remembrance, both in point of order, and in point of Christian love, than which no memories of the former days are more fragrant and precious, is that of the Ministers of the Gospel, who, one after another, stood in this pulpit, the faithful Shepherds of the flock, gathered and richly fed in this fold. You have not forgotten, you never can forget, those great and good men, who brought forth with varied learning, from the treasury of all truth, illuminated with entrancing eloquence, enforced with the power of logic, pathos and tears, under the unction of the Holy Ghost, the glorious gospel of salvation: those who led you to the cross, received you into the church, united you in the holy hands of matrimony, dedicated your children to God in ordinance of baptism, fervently invoked God's blessing upon you and yours, again and again, at your family altars; those who visited your sick, buried your dead, and ministered to you all the sweet consolations of our holy religion, in all your griefs, and all your bereavements. Their tears of sympathy, and their words and tones of christian tenderness, are blessed and imperishable memories.

To those of you who have passed the noon of life's day, I would mention, in this connection, the name of Dr. John S. Reese, your pastor in 1830 and '31, and again in 1845 and '46. What response does your memory make to the mention of this dear and distinguished name? May I venture to express that response? As near, if not the nearest approach to perfection, say you, that we have ever known, or ever hope to know, this side of just men made perfeet. In him, the wisdom of the serpent, was beautifully blended with the harmlessness of the dove; and the knowledge and power of a master, with the simplicity of a child, so that he held in rapt attention, at the same time, the mature and scholarly, and the little ones in their monosyllables. He was as firm as a rock, and yet as kind as love. He was a cheerful friend, a weeping prophet, a skillful player on all the tender cords of the human heart, which might be best attuned to heavenly harmony. How mysteries dissolved in light at his touch! How the profound and abstruse opened into luminous simplicity while he spoke, like a child to children, the deep things of God! The gospel, as he preached it, how meagre it was in law-how vast it was in love! His God was love. His Jesus was love. His gospel was love-"glad tidings of great joy." Love was the music of his soul, and the song of his life, the chief power, and the brightest adornment of his beautiful character. Dr. John S. Reese How you loved him! How you love his memory still! Unconsciously, and therefore legibly, he inscribed his name among the first on the roll of the singularly excellent, and enshrined in deepest in the affections of the brotherhood.

To the same class of hearers I would mention another of your deceased pastors-the Dr.'s successor and younger brother-Rev. Levi R. Reese, the able occupant of this pulpit in 1832 and '33, and also in 1838 and '39. He stands in your remembrance, pre-eminently, as the pulpit orator. There was melody in his voice, a magic charm in his intonations, emphasis and atitudes. On what lofty excursions he took you, through the spheres of the beautiful, the sublime, and the glorious! What auditories here hung upon his lips! No vacant seat, but pews, and aisles, and altars, all full. And no wonder; for as one lighting some grand chandelier, passes from branch to branch, until all combine to banish darkness with all the splendor of blended light, so he glided from point to point, until reaching his grand climax, every point united in one blaze of gospel light, in which saints rejoiced with joy unspeakable, and sinners sued for mercy, amid tears of penitential sorrow. For months together this altar was crowded, and at times the pews also in different parts of the house, with anxious penitents. Here, under his ministry, transpired the blessed scenes of the spiritual birth of an hundred and fifty souls. O, how these walls then reverberated with stiring appeals, and fervent prayers, the songs of the heart, and the hallelujahs of happy, happy souls! O thou oncoming, gracious future, hasten to us with seasons of grace, and scenes of power, like those

of the glorious past! Josiah Varden! your pastor in 1837. We should suspect, in him, who having once seen

and heard, has forgotten brother Varden, the decay of the mental faculties. He was a man of neculiar gifts, and of peculiar pulpit power. You can think of no one, among all you have known, whom he resembled, except in positive generalities. He was not an expositor, he was not a reasoner; yet he imparted much instruction, and produced deep conviction. Preachers did not rank him very high as a preacher, yet they wept or shouted, unconscious alike of the weakness of tears, and the rudeness of shouts, while he preached. I never heard him but once, and then oblivious to all beside, I seemed to hear a universe of birds, of every note, forming a grand chorus of merry, gleeful song, warbling and trilling through all climes, and this wonder of harmony and praise lifted me to another, it was the song of a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds and tongues, before the throne, and before the Lamb. His text was, "the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land." He abounded in the imaginative. and his imagery was instinct with life and beauty. His voice, too, had a soul. If you had ordinary sensibility, you all the gold of the earth by an infinite differpenetrating ring which went right into your would be likely soon to lose your self possession, and go where he might choose to carry

His name revives a personal memory. met at a camp meeting in Howard county, Md., when I was a youth. At night after my arrival, there were a few persons at the altar. Some were converted, and as the night grew on, others left; but one man said, "I cannot leave this place with this burden of guilt on my soul, I remained with him, and about one o'clock he was converted. His happy shouts brought many to their tent doors, and among them brother Varden. Meeting him next mornig, he zook my hand with a warm fraternal grasp, and said, "Did I not see you last night with the man who was so happily converted?" I replied that I witnessed the conversion. He then laid his hand kindly on my shoulder, and said, as only he could say it, "God bless you my young brother; work on, work on, and you will have your reward." That "God bless you" O, how sweet it was to my soul! Fifteen years have since passed, and there is encouragement and

you; but it always was a pleasant flight in the

direction of the heavenly and glorious.

a preacher, at that time-1843 and '44-yet the house, including the galleries, was filled to lary of the Church. was he the equal of the very best in many of its utmost capacity. The exercises of the eventhe most excellent qualities of the minister, the | ing were commenced by the singing in excelchristian, and the gentleman; and subsequently lent taste of an appropriate voluntary by the he took his place among the ablest men of the Alexandria Musical Association, under the conference. But you remember, that your love and esteem grew a pace with your intimacy. The nearer you got to him the more you found to respect and honor. The more you had op-portunity to discover his faults, the more you discovered his virtues. He was like pure gold that never loses its lustre, but shines brighter

for those who use it most. N. S. Greenaway! I would touch gently the

tender memories of this name. From this pul-pit, and to you, in great bodily feebleness, he preached his last sermon. In your midst, triumphing in the saving power of the gospel, he had here so eloquently proclaimed, he closed his earthly career and ascended to his heavenly home. You received from his trembling lips, his last counsels and his farewell words; and you felt the loss of a great man in Israel when he was gone. He died as the Christian only dies, full of the hope of immortality and eternal life! His impressive person, his large luminous piercing eyes, his beautiful enunciation. his soaring imagination, his commanding oratory, his enchained auditories, and the charm and power of the gospel as he preached it, all that pertained to his christian character, ministerial life, and his lamented early death-is still fresh in your memory, and needs no reviving. His remains sleep in your Cemetery, and his redeemed spirit dwells with the sainted fathers, in the eternal glory of their God and his.

We have only time to pronounce the names of Rev. Thomas Dunn and Rev. W. W. Ball, and Rev. William C. Pool, your first pastor, and that that sweet spirited and excellent Christain minister, Thomas M. Wilson. Aud we turn with sorrow from the memory of poor, unfortunate, but seraphically eloquent Wm. II. Barnes, whose sun went down beneath a in the basement of the Second Presbyterian

dark, very dark cloud. During your existence of 43 years, you have had, in the pastoral relation 25 ministers, of mer, upon whose nomination C. H. Lee was whom ten are deceased; the rest, with one exception are still faithful laborers, under the honored banner of mutual rights bequeathed to us by the beloved fathers in the former days.

The memory of the Pastors, suggests the Revivals of the former days, with which they were connected. O, how many have been the Dr. W. W. Williamson, Donglas S. Gregory; seasons of spiritual refreshing, which have M. E. Church (South), John T. Andley, Geo. taken place in this house! How frequently W. Davis; M. E. Church. John McCormick, thoy were marked by deep religious feeling, all pervading solemnity, and glorious power. H. Lee, B. Russell Barbee; St. Pau's Church What awakenings of conscience, what revelations of guilt, what melting of hearts, what breaking down of stubborn wills, what collapses of rebellion against God! What rejoicings of the newly converted! What praise, and what thanksgiving of triumphing saints, characterized these extraordinary occasions! When we first officers of the association were as follows: think of them we are constrained to say, Verrily God hath been in this place. The lost hath He found, and the dead hath He raised unto life, by scores, and by hundreds.

The most notable Revival took place under the ministry of Rev. Levi R. Reese. It occurred on this wise. A good brother by the name of James Thomas was on his way to the signed the constitution, and who appear to Monday night prayer-meeting, doubtiess engaged in pious meditation, when he was suddenly and strangely blessed. For a time he A. J. Fleming, A. B. Slaymaker, J. P. Milwas unconscious of all things save the happy burn, E. Snowden, jr., R. L. Wood, J. W. state of his soul. And when he recovered his Lockwood, Lewis McKenzie, Wm. Wright, A. self-recollection he found himself shouting and D. Harmon, G. D. Fowle, Geo. Washington, praising God, in the middle of the street. He and W. H. Fowle looked around to see if any one was observing him, fearing he might be suspected of insanity; and then mastering his feelings, and alternateproaching the door, was struck with the ex- long years, although many lessons of profit and ed a charm in it he had never felt before. from their history, but rather to look at once, And as he walked down that aisle, it appeared and very briefly to the present condition and to him like entering a heavenly place. The status of the association. prayer meeting was one of extraordinary spiritof the spirit of God in an extraordinary man- we can rely upon, but about twenty of them ner. And as the meeting was drawing to a for active work. With these and the occasionclose, Brother Reese stepped out of the altar, al help of the semi-drones we are enabled by the and said to one after another, What think you, blessing of God to carry on the following work: shall we not announce service for to-morrow A daily prayer meeting in the hall of the Assonight? All were of the same mind. The ser | ciation, on King street, at 4 o'clock; a Sunday the spirit. People througed the church. The room of Coleman's restaurant, on Monery for mercy, at times, was heard all over the day evening at 7:30; a devotional meeting house. And about one hundred and fifty souls at the Alms house Sunday afternoon at 2.30; were converted. Thus commenced, perhaps a devotional meeting at the jail Thursday afterthe greatest revival that ever occurred in your | noon at 2:30; a night school each evening in city. But you have enjoyed many gracious the week, except Saturday, at 7:30, at the corseasons of Revival, only less notable than this, | ner of Royal and Duke streets, for the educabut we have not time to revive the memory of | tion of the working boys of the city.

them. With the labors of such ministers as have filled this pulpit, from time to time; with the and needy, as far as circumstances will allow, sanction of heaven in so many gracious out during the appropriate season; a Bethel service pourings of the spirit; and with such excellent christian men and women as have constituted more public streets. These may be properly your membership from generation to generation, the question naturally arises: Why have sociation, in addition to which are labors, the you not been a much stronger church? The province of special committees appointed for correct answer will appear upon an examination of your church Register. The secret lies in your losses by removals, without the advantages of immigration, which older and more generally established branches of the Church, particularly reported upon for the information have enjoyed. No other answer, as compared of the citizens-and especially as there are with this one, is worthy of mention. Between gentlemen of ability present, to follow me in eight and nine hundred persons have been ad- addresses, I will not venture to make any remitted into the church since its organization in 1829. If, therefore, your gains by immigration had equaled your losses by removals in the ordinary course of events you would number to- to speak for a minute or two. of the present, day, between four and five hundred. Why, the children of God, born into the kingdom at this altar, are scattered all over this country. and several have crossed the great waters. Would you estimate the good this church has like to district the city, for a thorough, systedone, you must f ollow it from its beginning matic plan of tract distribution. If our preshere to all parts whither it has gone, and then aggregate the golden fragments. But for this in the congregation here to tell his experience finite intelligence is wholy inadequate. What, as he has handed his little message of truth to my brethren, if the veil were withdrawn and 2277 persons in the last three days, I believe you were permitted to behold the shining company that have gone from this place to the celestial world! What if, looking upon them, mittee to visit, readthe Bible, to pray with, you could count their number, call their names, | and relive the indigent sick, such par cularly, and read in their radiant forms-their crowns of life-their palms of victory-their everlasting songs of joy, the sum of glory which had its beginning, and christian growth in the ministrations of this sanctuary of God! What estimate then would you put upon the Christian work of the former days? You have wrought and found gold—but would not this outweigh all the gold of the earth by an infinite differ-

In conclusion. Call to remembrance the former days: you had your discouragements then, as now, but there always came a time of take time to speak of viz: the need of a building. deliverance. There was never a cloud, but that lost its darkness, broke into fragments, melted away, and let the radiant sunshine pour down upon you again. There was always an eye that watched, and a hand that succored you. And now the former days come crowding up, each with a voice, toned with all the earnestness of truth, to say to us-Stand ye an appropriate building according to her size courageous; the God of your fathers is your God; "T'will be again as t'was before." Our faith answers amen! And I important the analysis and population? We do not expect a building of the kind just mentioned but such an one as that which it will require comparative a small faith answers amen! sponse is eaught by Father Jacobs, and his cotemporaries, Dr. Reese and all the pastors, and versary meeting came just now, when the spirt Isaac Buchingham and his cotemporaries, and of improvement seems to be passing over our all, all, who left a vacant seat here to wear a city, when energy and enterprise are actively at crown of Glory above, say amen !

Young Men's Christian Association An-NIVERSARY MEETING .- The nineteenth anniversary of the Young Men's Christian Association of Alexandria was held in the M. E. Church South, last night. At the hour an-Washington Robey! If less distinguished as nounced for the commencement of the exercises leadership of Prof. Evans.

Rev. Dr. Hough then led in a special invocation for the presence of the Holy Spirit.

The whole audience, led by the Musical Association, then joined in singing the hymn-All hail! the power of Jesus' name,

Let Angels prostrate fall; Bring forth the royal diadem And erown him Lord of All. The 23d Psalm was read by Rev. D. F. Rev. B. F. Benson followed in a prayer for

the special blessing of the Almighty on the cause represented on this night. The hymn, "Jesus, Lover of my soul," sung by the choir and congregation. George R. Hill, esq., President of the Association, then read the following report:—

"It has been said that these anniversaries are but "mile-stones by the way," resting places, at which we linger for a moment, elevations on the swift journey, from which we turn our eyes backward on the past, and forward on the future.

In the exceeding mercy of a gracious God we have come in our journey to another "mile stone by the way;" and as this is the first anniversary which we have celebrated as an association for a number of years, I thought it would be both appropriate and interesting to gather up some of the names of those who were early associated in the work, and refresh our memories by reciting the several parts they took in its organization, and the positions which they occupied.

The Young Men's Christian Association of Alexandria was organized at a meeting composed of several members (the record says, of the Evangelical Churches of this city, held Church, on the 18th January, A. D. 1853. elected temporary chairman; Sylvester Scoot, secretary. The committee appointed to draft the original constitution consisted of two members from each of the evangelical churches of the city as follows: First Presbyterian, Sylvester Scott, E. F. Witmer; Second Presbyterian, jr., Dr. J. E. Chase: Christ Church, Chas. John W. Green, James Entwisle, jr.; M. P. Church, J. C. Taliaferro, T. A. Stoutenburg; Baptist, L.P. Bayne, Z. English; to which was subsequently added the name of Thos, M.

McCormick Under the constitution thus framed, the President Lawrence P. Bayne; Vice Presidents, C. H. Lee, J. T. Andley, Jas. McKenzie; Corresponding Secretary, Geo. K. Witmer; Recording Secretary, T. M. McCormick; Tre-surer, J. McCormick, jr.; Librarian, G. Wallace Hooff. In addition to those above named we find among the original twenty-two who have taken an active part in the early life of the association, the following named persons:

Since the day of which these events were the witnesses nineteen years of existence for the Young Mens' Christian Associaly wondering and praising, he went on to the tion of Alexandria have successively passed, prayer-meeting. Another brother, who still and the record of them has been made up lives, and related to me this incident, on ap- forever. It is not my purpose to traverse these ceeding sweetness of the singing. There seem encouragement could doubtless be gathered

We number to day nixty-six active and four to educate man and at the uality. All felt and acknowledged the presence | associate members; out of all these, however, vice was announced; and so from night to night, afternoon prayer meeting alternately in the va-Soon it was manefest that the church was in rious churches of the city at 4 o'clock; a prayer the midst of an extraordinary dispensation of meeting at Fishtown, in the former bar

> The regular, though somewhat limited, dis tribution of tracts, the relief of the poor, sick on the wharf, and open air services on the considered the regular undertakings of the Asthe purpose and discharged from time to time throughout the year.

As our annual meeting is so near at hand when these several fields of usefulness will be

marks upon these suggestive subjects. We have thus very hastily sketched the work of the Association, in order to give time and pressing needs of the organization. 1st. We need an increase of membership, especially of active members. We want a corps of active christian young men to help us. We would ent fait dul agent Bro. Cross, who is doubtless we would secure an abundant corps of as may be classed among those who are "without God and without hope in the world and indeed it may be added without human aid or support of any kind whatever. Persons who have no special claims upon any of the churches whose circumstances forbid their appearance in the public congregation, if inclined to go, and addition to our regular enterprizes. Christian

young men of Alexandria, will you not unite with us in our effort for God and humanity Added to them is one other need which I take New York city erected for its Young Men's Christian Association a magnificient structure costing \$500,000, Chicago, one costing \$300,000, Washington city one costing \$200,000 San Francisco, one costing \$200,000; our sister city, Balimore, has already subscribed \$150,000 of the sum of \$200,000, with which they are to erect a erosity. It seemed so auspicious that this anniwork in the commercial and business circles: when public edifices, private residences, and, indeed, whole rows of buildings are filling up the gaps in our streets; why notadd yet, another public building which shall be wholly aedicated

The Young Mens' Christian Association of Alexandria occupies a most important position

in the grasp of the former it extends the other to help them who are outside of the Church, to lead them up to a purer and holier life, to bring said notes, and that it was optional with the those who perhaps would otherwise never hear the sound of the Gospel within the range of its blessed influence. It is important in the earnest and consistent maintainance of a thorough cath-olicity of spirit in all its operations, and tor the influence which such a course spreads a road in the community. But time forbids the enlarge-ment of these verry concise statements. The fact however remains that the Young Mens' night.

Christian Association of Alexandria, should have a centre and a standing in the community, commensurate with the importance of its object. Its members must have a suitable place (which will inspire rather than depress them) when they meet for prayer, consultation and encouragement and where provision could be made for the energetic and successful prosecution of all their labors. A school room for the night school; a suitable place for the Singing Association, Committee rooms and other accommodations, which a more extended review of the subject would readily

ndicate. In another view of the matter, the Association affords a verry useful and needful course of training for those of us who are young men. We used to be practised in works of chairty and deeds of love. We need to come in contact with the suffering, and the dijected as part of our training for after life. It is true that the haet and burden of commercial life is now borne by the middle aged and the old but how keenly de

"Their hearts though stout and brave Still like muffled drums are beating,

Funeral marches to the grave.' And when they are gone, the young men of oday are to step forward and take their places. Let me appeal to you then citizens of Alexandria who by your diligence and intelligence and enterprise, have accumulated a goodly store of this world's goods what more judicious use can be made of a portion of your means than to provide for the cultivation of the sevirtues which will fit your successors in life to bear honorably and successfully the mantle which must rest upon them, as it falls from your shoulders.

In conclusion dear brothern of the Association let me bring to your notice the fact that this anniversary occasion should be a strong reminder of the shortness of the time in which we have to work for our Master. It calls loudly to us young men-who are strong to do the work before us with all our might. We have one year less, in which to labor for Christ. and one year less, in which as individuals to lay the foundation for that higher and better life promised to us through all enternity. We seem to have been especially called in the past year to the garnerage of an open field "ripe to the harvest." The providence of God seems all to have been in our favor.

Our relation to the churches has been better understood and more fully appreciated; the sympathy of the the community has been elicited in

our behalf. Money has flowed into the treasury until the burden of that enerous debt with which we are all so familiar, has been lifted from our

In a word, dear brethen, and including everything we can say, the best of all is God is, with us. Let us then, at the beginning of this New Year, gird up our loins, laying aside every weight, and with humble gratitude for the blessings of the past, with constant reliance upon our Leader, go forth to renewed efforts, and may God still be with us.

The report was followed by a most beautiful

anthem sung by the Musical Association. H. O. Claughton, esq., was then introduced. Whatever, he said, may be affirmed of evil in the world; here at least we have cause for congratulation. In obedience to the command of their Master, this Association has gone forth. not even the iron doors of the prisoner's cell shutting them out, and by their efforts have made their cause to bud and blossom as the rose. The objects of this Association should claim the care of the philosopher and statesman. Every means tried to make man wiser and better, aside from religious motives, is and has been a lamentable failure. The country is taxed to pay for wickedness. Those crimes which go unpunished being none the less costly. Even in the dark ages it was held that to cultivate the morals lessened evil, and education that does less is a failure. In vain you attempt his religious training. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom," is at the foundation of all training. The heart is to be cultivated, the soul to be trained, and for this tuition the Bible is the only text-book. Let those who think there is safety in that the worldly means being used for the advancement of mankind, look at the past, at the wreck of nations. These means will not avail. The higher power of Christianity must be invoked; and let the philanthropist who seeks to help the world on, help on this Association. Mr. C. connluded with some cheering words of encouragement to the Association and an exordium on the Bible as "the man of our council and the rule of our life.

The hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love" was sung. Rev. B. F. Benson was then introduced, and delivered a beautiful address on the merits of the Christian Association as a common ground on which all who differ in the minor details of doctrine, could meet and work in harmony ; and it might be that the ultimate end of the Association was designed to pave the way for

one common, universal church in the future. Mr. Geo. R. Hill stated that it was expected that Rev. Mr. Hall, of Washington. would be present and address the audience and give some special statistics concerning the work of organization, but he was not well enough to speal. He desired to any that there was a great call at the Alms House and at the jail by the inmates for suitable books. Tracts had been distributed but larger books were wanted. He hoped thet donations of books would be made, and such as had them to spare could leave them at the office of the General Secretary, Jas. Entwisle, jr. Dr. Hough, Dr. Bullock, Rev. D. F. Sprigg. Rev. Mr. Hemmenway, Dr. Mitchell, Rev. R. H. McKim, Hon. Lewis McKenzie, H. O. Claughton, Rev. B. F. Benson, Prof. Evans and Geo. R. Hill were created life members of the Association, \$275 being contributed for that purpose. A collection was also taken up from the audience and from that source about

\$100 realized. The proposition to make the accomplished Mrs. President of the Young Men's Christia . Association a life member, was withdrawn on the third subscription, but subsequently completed, which makes the total amount of the

collection \$400. After a most interesting and pleasantly speni evening, the large audience was dismissed at 10 o'clock hy singing a hymn, and the benediction pronounced by Dr. Hough.

VERDICT AFFIMED .- In the Court of Appeals, sitting at Richmond, on Wednesday, a dicision was rendered in the case of the Bank of the Old Dominion, of Alexandria, vs. Williams, a suit brought in the court below to recover the sum of \$561 in gold or its equivalent in currency for money loaned the defendant in the year 1862, and which, when the money became due, payment was tendered in notes of a branch of the bank located at Pearisbury, which was issued while the State was within the Confederate lines. The parent bank refused to receive these notes on the ground that the branch bank had no authority to issue these notes, and that it was done without the consent of the majority of the stockholders. On the trial in the Circuit court the defendant produced proof to show that the notes were issued by the branch bank by authority of the State Legislature, which was then within the jurisdiction of the Confederacy, but the Circuit court gave a verdict in favor of the plaintiff, and to this defendant appealed to the Supreme Court. The court held that by the terms of the charter of the Old Dominion Bank, their place of business was at Alexandria, that a majority of its stockholders, managers, and directors lived in that city and places north of it. That the branch bank at Pearisburg was not authorized to make contracts or bind the parent bank without special instrucas an adjunct to the community, and an auxil- tions from the latter; that the branch bank was not authorized to issue the notes of the Its object is professedly christian, its end is the salvation of souls. It stands between the Church and the world withits right hand resting lature passed during the government of the parent bank whether they accepted any legislative amendments to their charter. The court therefore, affirmed the verdict of the court below in favor of the Old Dominion Bank.

> A large sized o'opssum was caught in the yard of Dr. French, on Washington street, last

RIVER NEWS.-There is still a good deal of floating ice in the river, but it is thin, and interposes but slight obstruction to navigation. The monitor Mahopac, commander J. H. Gillis, sailed from the Navy Yard to-day for Norfolk. The steamer Georgeanna will hereafter make weekly trips between here and Baltimore, touching at the principal river landings. She will leave here at 10 a. m. on Monday and arrive at 6 a. m. on Saturday. The steamer Fairy, of the Piscataway line, was cut through by the ice and sunk on Wednesday evening last, just as she reached her wharf at Farmington. The steamer Virginia, of the Maryland ferry line, was so injured by the ice, yesterday, that she had to be hauled up on the railway, at the ship yard, to day, for repairs. Her place was supplied by a row boat, but it

too was also cut through this morning, and had

to be coated with sheet iron before it could

resume its trips. Several vessels are reported

below, bound up, but the tug Belle Haven,

which went down as far as Quantico, yesterday, saw nothing of them. IMPORTANT DECISION. -The Court of Appeals of Virginia has decided the case of Yeaton vs. the Bank of the Old Dominion, in favor of the Bank, as noticed in yesterday's Gazette. This was a test case to decide whether or not the Bank was liable for the small notes issued by the Branch Bank at Pearisburg during the war. The appellant was represented by Messrs. Brent & Wattles and Jas. S. Neeson; the ap-

MAYOR'S OFFICE. - Carter Brooks, for disorderly conduct, and for beating William and Ada Bell, all colored children, was, in default of the payment of the imposed fine, committed to the work house for 90 days.

pellee by H. O. Claughton.

NIGHT REPORT.-Night mild and cloudy. There were no disturbances nor any arrests. One lodger was at the station house, but no prisoners were there.

A CONTRACT for ten millions of bricks has been concluded by Samuel Strong, who requires the same for use in the construction of sewers and other works for the District government. The contract price is \$9 per thousand, and the delivery from the yards in Virginia, near A'exandria, will be commenced on the 1st of

LECTURE. - As heretofore announced, Rev. Dr. Deutsch, of Baltimore, an eloquent and distinguished Rabbi, will deliver a lecture (in English) at Sarepta Hall to-night. The subject of the discourse will be, "Has the Messiah already appeared?" A large number of tickets have already been disposed of.

#### Local Brevities.

The meeting to have been held at West End, vesterday evening, for the purpose of endeav oring to have that suburb supplied with water olugs, was postponed in consequence of the want of attendants, and several insurance policies on property there were issued this morn-

Complaints are made of hog pens within the corporate limits. The parties upon whose premises the pens are violate a city ordinance, and will be fined unless the nuisances are abated at the Court. The aud'ence are about equal yd

The Virginia Telegraph Company will extend their line to Fishtown, and establish a office there next spring.

#### By L. D. Harrison, Auctioneer. TRUSTEE'S SALE.

Under authority of a deed of trust from John M. Binckley and wife, dated February 7, 1856, duly of record in Fairfax county, Va., the undersigned, as trustee, will sell, at public auction, on FRIDAY, the 5th day of February 1872, at the front door of the Custom House, Alexandria, Va., at 12 o'clock n.., the following PROPERTY, situated in the county of Fairfax, and near the said city of Alexandria, to wit:
1. A TRACT OF LAND on the road from Alexandria to Mount Vernon, late the residence of Doc.or Samuel H. Williams, near "Spring Bank," containing 757 acres, more or less. location of this tract makes it especially desirable as a place of residence.

2. A TRACT OF LAND, containing 124

acres, originally a part of the "Ravensworth" tract, beginning at A, a corner to Taylor's land. on the edge of Backlick road, and running with Taylor west 158 poles to B, a planted stone corner, to Gillingham, in Taylor's line; thence with Gillingham south 1371 poles to C, a stone on the edge of the road, continuing 138 poles to the centre of Hooe's road, Gillingham's corner; thence up the road N. 89° E. 52 poles to D, white oak; thence east 31 poles, N. 67° E. 20 poles, crossing Hooe's road, continued to 72 poles to E, the Polick or Backlick road; thence N 5° E. 107 poles to the beginning—as per survey by F. E. Johnston, made January, 1861. This tract lies near the Alexandria and Fredericksburg Railroad, and is said to be well wooded.

Terms: Four hundred dollars to be paid in cash; the residue on the 1st day of January, 1873, with interest from day of sale, to be secured by bond and deed of trust. Stamps and conveyancing at the cost of burchaser.

S. FERGUSON BEACH, jan 19-eots

By L. D Harrison, Auctioneer. COMMISSIONERS SALE OF REAL ES U TATE IN ALEXANDRIA, VA.-Pursuant to a decree of the County Court of Alexandria county, rendered at its October term, 1871, in the chancery cause of Barley, Triplett & Co. vs. Bowden's administratrix and another, the undersigned, as comme ssioners appointed by said Court, will sell, by public auction, to the highest bidder, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st day of February, 1872, at 12 o'clock m., in front of the premises, the LOT OF GROUND with the HOUSES and other improvements of Overn him. ments thereon, on the south side of Queen, be tween Alfred and Patrick streets, fronting on Queen street twenty feet and extending back one hundred feet to a ten feet alley, being the property of which Alexander Bowden died seized

and possessed. Terms: One tenth cash; the remainder of the purchase money in three equal payments at 6, 12 and 18 months, to be secured by the purchaser's bonds, with good surety, and a retention of the title to the property sold until the purchase money shall have been fully paid. Cost of conveyancing to be borne by the purchaser. EDMUND BURKE,

D. L. SMOOT, Comm'rs. of Sale.

DOCTOR WILLIAM N JETT, recently of King George county, Va., has taken the office on Washington street, adjoining the Methodist Church South, and respectfully offers his professional services to the citizens of Alexandria and vicinity. jan 19-eolm

A PPLE BUTTER, put up in small buokets, expressly for family use, in store and for sale by W. F. BROOKES, 147 King street.

LATEIN THE SEASON.

But we are still receiving CLOTHS AND CASSIMERES We have just opened some splendid Over-Coatings in Blue English Chinchilla, Blue Dahlia and Black Benver Cloths, Black Austrian Doeskins, Fancy Suitings and Pants' Patterns, bought, on account of the lateness of the season, at very low prices. Our arrangements for making up Overcoats, Invernesses, Capes, Suits, &c., in addition to the above, enable us to furnish anything in Gentlemen's Wear at about the same prices as they can be bought ready-made. WITMER & SLAYMAKER.

BANCY AND TOILET ARTICLES. We have just received a large and select as-

LUBIN'S,

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EXTRACTS, Toilet Sets, English and American Soaps, Hair Brushes, Combs, &c. Call and examine at COOK & CREIGHTON'S,

ENGLISH, BURTON and PALE ALE, Younger's Scotch do., and E. & G. Hibbert's Brown Stout, for sale by GEO. McBURNEY & SON. 166 and 170 King street.

## TELEGRAPH NEWS.

DISPATCHES TO THE GAZETTE.

#### FROM WASHINGTON.

CONGRESS.

Washington, January 19, 1872. The Senate was not in session, having ad ourned, yesterday, until Monday.

The House of Representatives occupied the greater portion of the session in discussing the Arkansas contested election case of Boles vs. Edwards.

#### Foreign News.

BERLIN, Jan. 18.-The annual banquet of the Prussian Order of the Black Eagle was given to-day upon the anniversary of the establishment of the order by Frederick 1st in 1701. The attendance was very large, including many members of the royal family and the most prominent of the noblemen of the Kingdom and Empire. The Emperor William was the chief speaker, and in his remarks alluded to the fact that the occasion was that of a double anniversary, viz: Of the coronation of the first Prussian King and of the crown assumption of the Imperial crown of Germany. Among the interesting incidents of the banquet was a toast given by the Bavarian Minister to Emperor William the victorious.

LONDON, Jan. 19 -- a. m. -- A terrible explo sion occurred in a cartridge factory in Greenwich yesterday p. m. The clothing of a large number of girls employed in the factory took fire and they rushed shricking through the town into the surrounding marshes in hopes of quenching the flames. The factory was totally lestroyed.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.-A Rome special saythe Pope was taken suddenly ill Wednesday and suspended his reception. He is confined to his bed with a cold. It is thought his illness is not dangerous.

Another special reports Sir Samuel Baker. the African explorer, well and near Kartoum. London, Jan. 19.—Horsman, M. P., in an address to his constituents at Liskeard, last night, took a gloomy view of political prospects. and declared the present government unlit to

deal with English questions. Paris, Jan. 19 .- It is rumored that Thiers threatens to resign if the Assembly rejects the new tariff on raw materials and the report of the cession of the tobacco monopoly to private parties to secure immediate payment of the war

Paris, Jan. 19.-The American Register says Minister Curtin has left St. Petersburg for Nice to meet Gen. Sherman and Minister Washburn.

J. Bancroft Davis, and other Americans con nected with with the Geneva Board of arbitration, have offices in Rue de la l'aix and will remain until the next meeting of the tribunal. The American Charitable Society of Paris is to reorganize.

#### The Wharton Trial.

Annapolis. Md. Jan. 19.-The Court met at 10 o'clock. Every part of the floor was packed with spectators and even the window-sills were filled with ladies. Many seats were occupied an hour in advance of the opening of vided in sex. Outside af the Court rom speculation and discussion of the probable ve ict of the jury, is almost the sole subject of conversation, as well as on all the trains and in the city of Baltimore.

Nr. Thomas resumed his argument for the defence, dwelling upon the legal presumption of the prisoner's innocence, reciting Greenleaf on this point, and also the amount and character of proof necessary before convicting. No adequate motive for the commission of murder by the prisoner as charged had been shown by the testimony of the State, and even upon the supposition that Mrs. Wharton owed General Ketchum \$2600 she had no obstacle to prevent her going to Europe and leaving the debt un paid. But there was no evidence to show that Mrs. Wharton owed General Ketchum. The Court had instructed the jury that the declara tions of Charles Ketchum to Mrs. Wharton in rega.d to statements of his father were not ev

idence, except so far as she assented to them. The speaker next contended that there was no evidence that Mrs. Wharton had not paid her indebtedness to General Ketchum and the testimony of Mrs. Cottman, which came providentially, almost as if from Heaven, fixed to an absolute certainty the date of Mrs. Wharton's visit to Washington, and that was the very day Mrs. Wharton told Charles Ketchum and Gen. Brice she paid the money to General Ketchum.

After rehearing and further commenting on Mrs. Cottman's testimony. Mr. Thomas pro ceeded to consider the evidence in reference to the claim by the accused for four thousand dollars in bonds against the estate of General Ketchum and argued that there was no improbability she should have entrusted her bonds to him without taking a receipt as their previous relations justified such confidence on her part. He reviewed the testimony of General Brice and Charles Ketchum, arguing that it did not prove the debt had not been paid and the bondentrusted to General Ketchum as claimed by

#### the defence. The Grand Duke.

NEW YORK, Jan 19 .- A Denver dispatch tates that Alexis and General Sheridan visited the Legislature yesterday, and a grand ball was given in their honor last night. They visited Golden City to-day. The story that the Grand Duke is married is considered a good joke by im, as it is untrue.

Fire. CLEVELAND, Jan. 18.—The agricultural works of Sounglone, Massey & Co. of this city. were almost entirely destroyed by fire to night Loss \$75,000; insurance \$66,000.

## Counterfeit Notes.

St. Louis, Jan. 18.-A very dangerous counterfeit \$50 legal tender note, was detected

## The Markets.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19 .- Stocks strong but not very active. Money 6a7. Gold steady at 8... Va. sixes 54, new 55. N. C. sixes 33, new 16 Flour dull and declining. Wheat quiet and unchanged. Corn quiet and unchanged.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 19.-Va. sixes, old, 45 oid; do. consolidated, 511 bid, 512 asked. W. Va. sixes 18 bid, 19 asked. Cotton strong:low middlings 21a211. Flour dall, Wheat quiet and steady; amber 175a180. White Southern corn active at 62a65; yellow do. steady at 66a68; mixed Western 67a70. Oats dull at 52a54. Rye firmer at 98a102.

The funeral services of Mrs. SUSAN CHAPMAN, relict of the late Hon. J. G. Chapman, will take place at Christ Church, Port Tob acco, Md., at 12 m., to-morrow. Interment at the family burying place, at St. John's

## By Green & Wise,

Real Estate Agents and Auctioneers |
Y VIRTUE OF A DECREE OF THE Corporation Court for the city of Alexandria, Va., rendered at the October term, 1871, of said Court, in the suit of James B. Williamson and Court in the suit of James B. Williamson and Court Duris et als. the undersigned comvs. George Davis et als., the undersigned, commissioner, appointed by the said decree, will expose to sale, by public auction, in front of the Mansion House, Alexandria, Va., on SATUR-DAY, the 3d day of February, 1872, at 12 m., the HOUSE and LOT, No. 187 Cameron street, Alexandria, Va., at present occupied by George Davis.

Terms: One tenth of the purchase money in cash, and the residue in three equal payments at six, twelve and eighteen months from the day of sale, with interest; the deferred payments to be secured by the notes of the purchaser, with approved security, and the retention of the title to

the property until they are paid. CHARLES E. STUART, Comm'r, of Sale jan 19-eots